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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PROHIBITION ON SORBIC ACID IN WINE

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO LETTER NOV. 20 TO JEFFERSON E. PEYSER
GENERAL CONSEL, WINE INSTITUTE

SUMMARY: NORMALLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS TOLDEMBASSY
THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE
WLL SHORTLY PERMIT SORBIC ACID UP TO 200 PPM IN WINE
AND THAT PRESENT LEVEL SULFUR DIOIDE PERMITTED IN WINE
OF450 PPM MAY BE REDUCED. END SUMMARY

1. IN LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 6 FROM JEFFERSON .
PEYSER, GENERL COUNSEL, WINE INSTITUTE AND IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH FIRMS ACTIVE IN MARKETING AMERICAN WINES IN JAPAN,
EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PRESS JAAPANESE AUTHORITIES
TO ALLOW 200 PPM SORBIC ACID AS PRESERVATIVE IN WINE.

2. IN RESONSE TO PEYSE NOVEMBER 20 EMBASSY DESCRIBED
BACKGROUND SORBICACID PROBLEM, AND NOTED THAT ONE
NORMALLY RELIABLE SOURCE STATED THAT THERE IS GOOD
CHANCE THAT MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL SHORTLY
PERMIT SORBICACID UP TO 200 PPM IN WINE AND THAT
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PRESENT LEVEL SULFUR DIOXIDE PERMITTED IN WINE OF450 PPM

MAY BE REDUCED. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORMATION ON INDUSTRY
WIDE BASIS FROM WINERIES IN CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK AND
OTHER STATES FOR EMBASSY TO USE, IF NECESSARY, IN
APPROACH TO MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE.
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